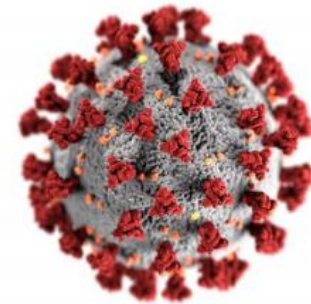




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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021





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Learning Objectives

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Background
- Review ARPA's main components
- ARPA Allocations
- Identify opportunities for local governments
- Establish timeline for ARPA's implementation



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Before we begin....

- Waiting on U.S. Department of the Treasury!!!
- Do not interpret information in the presentation as being final
- WTA continues to ask federal legislators and Treasury for broad interpretation
- WTA will communicate quickly and broadly as soon as we know



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Background

- On March 11th, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act
- ARPA is the fourth COVID-19 related response
 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA)
 - Coronavirus Aid Relief and Security Act (CARES)
 - Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA)
- **FIRST EVER** direct allocation to towns
 - State serves as pass through to non-entitlement communities (under 50K population)
 - **Need to demonstrate fiscal responsibility in local government**



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Fund Breakdown

- \$1.9 trillion relief package
- \$362 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery program
- 4 Separate Funds
 1. \$10 billion Capital Projects Fund
 2. \$2 billion Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund
 3. \$350 billion State Fiscal Recovery Program
 - Governor Evers - \$3.2 billion



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Fund Breakdown (cont.)

4. Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

- Counties (\$65.1 billion)
 - WI – (\$1.129 billion)
- Municipalities with populations over 50,000 (\$45.6 billion)
 - WI – (\$787.9 million)
- Municipalities with populations less than 50,000 (\$19.5 billion)
 - WI – (\$399.2 million)



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Allocations

- You can view an estimate of your town's allocation on the WTA website
 - Information Library > American Rescue Plan Act > Wisconsin List of Town, City, Village Allocations (under 50,000 population)
 - <https://www.wisctowns.com/documents/wisconsin-non-entitlement-allocation-output-03.08.21-3-.pdf>
 - *Need to log in to view
- Cedar Rapids, WI
 - \$4,151.72 – 41 population
- Marathon, WI
 - \$109,328.67 – 1,048 population
- Grand Chute, WI
 - \$2,303,711.32 – 23,163 population



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Allowable Uses

1. “To respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.”



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Allowable Uses

2. “To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work.”



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Allowable Uses

3. “To replace revenues lost as a result of the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic.”
4. “To make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.”
5. “To transfer funds to private nonprofit organizations, tribal organizations, public benefit corporations involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo, or special-purpose units of state or local government.”



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Non-eligible items

- Funds cannot be deposited into pension funds.
- Funds cannot be used to offset any revenue either directly or indirectly lost as a result of a reduction in net tax revenues.
 - From a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation.
 - Or any delay of the imposition of a tax reduction or increase.



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Next Steps

- **Pre-Award Guidance**
 - Non-entitlement units must have:
 - Valid DUNS number
 - Search: <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/lookup.html>
 - Apply: <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/>
- Complete as soon as possible!!!!



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Next Steps

- ARPA specifies a 60-day deadline (May 10th) for Treasury to distribute funds
 - Funds flow to state who have a 30-day period to distribute funds to non-entitlement communities.
 - The second half of your allocations will be distributed one year from first allocation.
- Have until end of 2024 to use the funding
- The Secretary of Treasury is authorized to issue such regulations that may be necessary to carry out the distribution and administration of this funding
 - The WTA along with all local governments are awaiting additional Treasury Guidance
 - Once released, you should expect to receive more information from the WTA



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